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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 JEREMIAH LANCE WINCHESTER,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 OBENLAND, et al.,

12 Respondents.  
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Case No. C17-1136-RSL-JPD

ORDER GRANTING AMENDED  
MOTION TO STAY AND ABEY  
FEDERAL PROCEEDINGS

14 This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas action. Petitioner moves to stay this action pending  
15 resolution of his pending state court personal restraint petition. Dkt. 15. Respondent does not  
16 object to the motion. Dkt. 21. Having reviewed the parties' submissions, the governing law, and  
17 the balance of the record, the Court finds and ORDERS:

18 (1) Petitioner's amended motion to stay and abey, Dkt. 15, is GRANTED. The  
19 pending state court proceedings may be relevant to the issues of timeliness under the federal  
20 statute of limitations, exhaustion of state remedies, and the merits of petitioner's federal habeas  
21 corpus petition. Therefore, the state court proceedings must be resolved before the instant  
22 action. In addition, neither party will be prejudiced by the stay.  
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